

# CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER

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## GOLDEN MOMENTS FOR BRITAIN

**A**LMOST a month has passed since the Olympic Games ended in Tokyo, and back in their homes in all parts of the world are the 8,000 or so people who took part.

For some, their return was unhonoured, unsung; for others, glory—and an eternal place in Olympic history.

For Britain it proved a happy Olympics, with four gold medals, 12 silver, and two bronze; yet medals alone do not make for a happy Games. It is keen team spirit which really matters—and it brings its own rewards.

That Britain's successes came through team effort was recognised by the Queen when she

invited all 270-odd competitors to Buckingham Palace. They went to No. 10 Downing Street to meet the Prime Minister. And London's new Lord Mayor has invited all of them to a reception at the Mansion House in a week or so. Those who bore Britain's colours at Tokyo have been fêted in one way or another, but none more so than the four gold medallists, which

is perhaps understandable. They are shown in the picture above against a background of the Mansion House. They are, from left to right:—

**KEN MATTHEWS**, of Sutton Coldfield, who literally walked away with the 20 kilometres event—in record time, too. It more than compensated for his collapse in the same event in Rome four years earlier.

**MARY RAND**, of Henley-on-Thames, who jumped farther than any woman in history to win her gold medal—and then followed this by earning a silver

medal for the Pentathlon, and a bronze in the 4 x 100 metres relay.

**ANN PACKER**, who surpassed her previous efforts and also the world record to win the 800 metres event. What a welcome she received from girls of the New Malden School, Surrey, where she is PT teacher!

**LYNN DAVIES** was another whose Long Jump, in wind and rain, beat the world. Little wonder that the hills of Wales echoed to song when he returned to his home at Nantymoel, Glamorganshire!

### HOT NEWS!

Three girls with top-ten talent "hit" CN next week. All the way from the USA, it's—

### THE SUPREMES

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# IN BRITAIN NOW



## KEEP THE CAT OFF THE TV

You may often have found your favourite TV programme being spoiled as the picture plays weird tricks, and perhaps wondered at the cause.

It could be due to your cat!

Mr. Fred Ward, GPO Interference Officer in Derby, has had to deal with many complaints of TV trouble. What has given him most bother is in the tracing of those squeaks and squiggles which occur where there is no mechanical fault. And he has had some success.

He spent hours in one house before tracing the cause of interference to next door, where an old lady sat stroking her cat. Apparently cats which are being stroked are deadly TV-saboteurs.

"The static electricity produced from the cat's fur was 'earthing' and setting up a barrage of interference," Mr. Ward explained. "Fortunately, we put the matter right by improving the aerial installation."

Another GPO spokesman pointed out that, if a cat only sat on the TV set, it could cause the same trouble.

It seems that the remedy for good viewing is—put the cat out!

## SPACE SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts of the Derbyshire town of Belper are urging a Space Age approach to Scouting. They have written to the Chief Scout, Sir Charles Maclean, on the subject.

The Scouts feel that the traditional references to Red Indians and Zulus in Scouting activities are very outdated, and that more attention should be given nowadays to astronauts and space-travel.

## COACHES FOR SALE

Fifteen horse-drawn coaches owned by the Earl of Shrewsbury are to be sold next year. Among them is a three-seater chariot, built in 1890, used at the coronations of Edward VII (9th August, 1902); George V (22nd June, 1911); George VI (12th May, 1937); and the present Queen (2nd June, 1953).

## GLASGOW IS GROWING UP

Glasgow plans to have the tallest block of flats in Europe. It will be about 300 feet high and will have 34 stories containing more than 250 flats.

Plans for the area include two playgrounds for very young children and another for older ones; a sunken garden; and about half-an-acre of open space.

Work on the project, which will cost about £1,000,000, is to begin next year.

## 40 YEARS AGO

(From C.N. issue dated 22nd November, 1924.)

The American electors have created a new record in the movement for the political equality of women with men. For the first time a State of the Union has a woman Governor.

Mrs. Miriam Amanda Fergusson is now Governor of the State of Texas, covering an area equal to that of France and Germany combined.

On account of her initials, Mrs. Fergusson figured throughout the elections as "Ma Fergusson," and the slogan "Me for Ma," invented by a college student, has been the battle cry of her supporters.

(There has since been only one other woman State Governor in the U.S.A. Editor)

## It seems to me...

### HELP! HELP!

THE many letters I have had about climbing Snowdon (see page 3) remind me that new centres for training mountain climbers are now being set up. These centres will offer courses of instruction leading to a "certificate of competence."

Most C.N. readers will be too young to take these courses—the minimum age is 15—but they may like to bear them in mind for the future. (Further details can be obtained from the Central Council of Physical Recreation, 26 Park Crescent, London, W.1.)

For the present, the thing to remember is that, if you go in for any sort of adventurous sport, you should always know what you are doing, and that it will be safe to do it. If, through inexperience or foolhardiness, you get into difficulties, someone else may have to take a risk to come and rescue you.

Remember, you can't be too young to start "learning the ropes." And you don't have to take a course in common sense!



Use your common sense, and someone else won't have to take a risk rescuing you

The Editor

## Coming

## Events

### Special Event

● LONDON: Join the crowds for all the thrills of the Big Top, Bertram Mills Circus Season, Olympia, 18th December-30th January

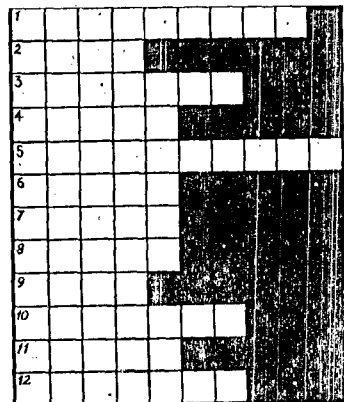
### Also

● CONWAY: Caernarvonshire's National Exhibition of Children's Art in Wales, Royal Cambrian Academy, 30th November-25th January

● BELFAST: British International Border Fancy Canary Contest, Clarence Place Hall, 27th November

## POP ACROSTIC

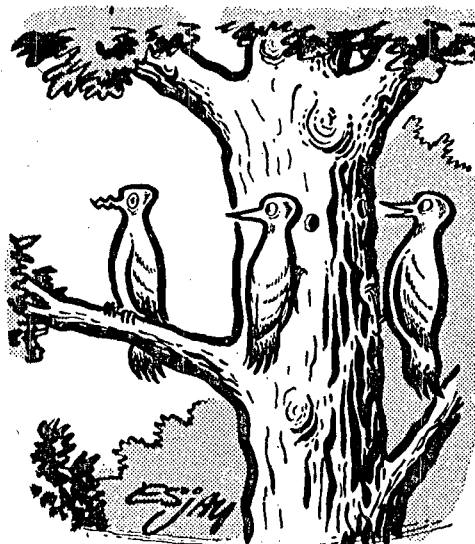
Answer the clues and the initial letters, read downwards, will spell the name of a popular singing group.



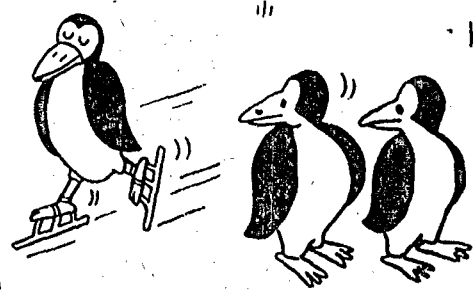
- 1 Brian Poole and The .....
- 2 .... I Go Again was a Hollies number.
- 3 Surname of The Beatles' manager.
- 4 Girl with a colour for a name.
- 5 Well-known group with a girl guitarist.
- 6 The Dave .... Five.
- 7 American singer who died in an air crash.
- 8 The "King of Rock and Roll."
- 9 She sings with the Luvers.
- 10 Roy .....
- 11 One of The Beatles.
- 12 Cliff Richard's accompanists.

Answer on page 12

## LAUGH TIME



"He needs glasses. He tried to peck a hole in a marble pillar."



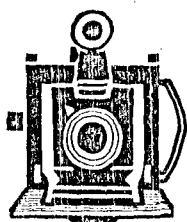
"You've certainly got the knack of rubbing two sticks together, sir."



"But dad, if I write more clearly, teacher will find out I can't spell!"



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## KNOW YOUR NEWS

### BIG JOBS FOR JOHNSON

**PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY** of the United States was assassinated at Dallas, Texas, a year ago on 22nd November. Now all eyes turn upon his successor, an older man but with the same Democratic outlook.

President Lyndon Johnson, born 56 years ago in Texas, was vice-President when he was called to take the place of his dead chief at the White House. On 3rd November he was swept back to power, with Senator Hubert Humphrey as his vice-President. His Repub-

**By Our Special Correspondent**

lican rival, ex-Senator Barry Goldwater, polled only 26 million votes against Mr. Johnson's 42 million.

But, as events since the election have already shown, President Johnson still has difficulties to face in putting into effect his policies of Peace, Strength and Prosperity. Abroad he has to deal with a worrying situation in South Vietnam. The Americans are mixed up there in a costly local war waged against a free State by Communist forces backed by China.

Another pressing problem is the friction between members of the 15-nation North Atlantic alliance (NATO).

Next month's big NATO meeting in Paris will look for guidance from the White House on troubles arising out of:—

BRITAIN'S new ideas on defence, which conflict with

America's, and her economic "austerity," which has upset some other allies;

FRANCE'S coolness towards her allies on defence and other matters;

WEST GERMANY'S quarrel with France over farm policy inside the European Common Market.

These are some of the "loose ends" Mr. Johnson has to tie up before he can pursue his "peace through strength" policy towards the Communist giants, Russia and China.

### Free Hand

At home he has been given a free hand to carry on President Kennedy's social policies. This means not only raising the living standards of the mass of less well-off Americans, but also enforcing the recent Civil Rights law, which stops white people, especially in the South, from treating 17 million Negroes as second-class citizens.

President Johnson will set the tone—and the pace—for his hopes and aims in his inaugural speech to Congress (the American Parliament) at noon on Wednesday, 20th January.

Remember that date, for it could become a milestone in the history of Mankind.

## READERS'

### LETTERS

#### GOING DOWN!

Here are just a few of the many replies to Felicity Rayson's letter about climbing Snowdon (issue dated 31st October). I am sorry I couldn't print more. Editor.

Dear Sir,—I climbed Snowdon when I was seven, from Llanberis, returning down the PYG track. Joan Hebdon, Bexhill-on-Sea.

Dear Sir,—Several years ago, when my sister was 4½ and I was 6½, we climbed to the summit of Snowdon and back.

Michael Port (11), Hereford.

Dear Sir,—I climbed Snowdon both ways with my brothers, when I was six years old.

Monica Bradley, Bexleyheath.

Dear Sir,—We climbed up and down Snowdon when we were five and four.

Norman and Christina Home-wood, Dunsford Hill, Exeter.

Dear Sir,—In August, 1955, when I was just four years old, I climbed to the top of Snowdon and down again.

Robert Brown (13), Cambridge.

#### ANY NEWS?

Dear Sir,—I am a keen philatelist. Each week I cut out the reference about stamps in CN. I would be very grateful if any CN readers could send me any news about stamps.

Pam A. Aitken, 3 Vogrie Place, Gorebridge, Midlothian.

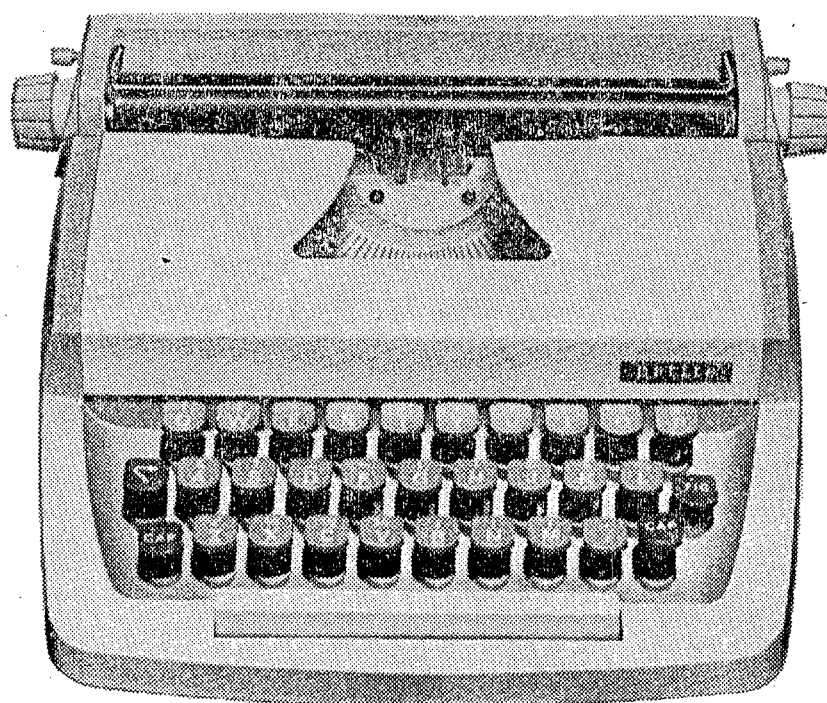
#### FROM MALTA

Dear Sir,—I am writing to you to send me a pen-friend boy, whose age is 15 or 16, as I am. My hobbies are songs, dancing, and reading.

Cloilde Cawana, 60 Isuaed Street, Marsa, Malta.

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Polio Research Fund will be pleased to send a leaflet illustrating their 1964 Christmas Cards to anyone who writes to them at: Vincent House, Vincent Square, London, S.W.1. (Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope.)



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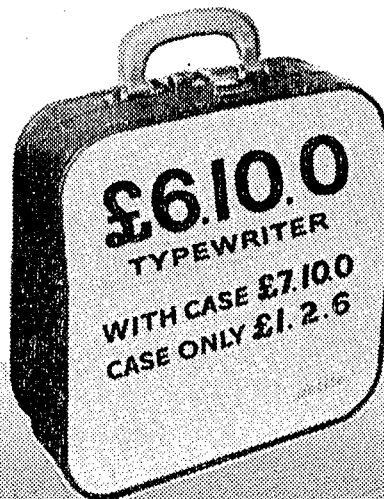
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# THIS WIDE WORLD

## NEW TESTAMENT IN RUSSIAN

A new translation of the New Testament in Russian has just been completed. It was begun about 12 years ago by a group of Russian Church Elders in Paris.

The existing Russian Bible has remained unchanged for more than a century, and many passages are based on the old Slavonic language which cannot be understood by some Russian-speaking people. The new translation, which embodies findings made over the past 100 years, is also designed to meet the need of the thousands of displaced Russians in Western Europe.

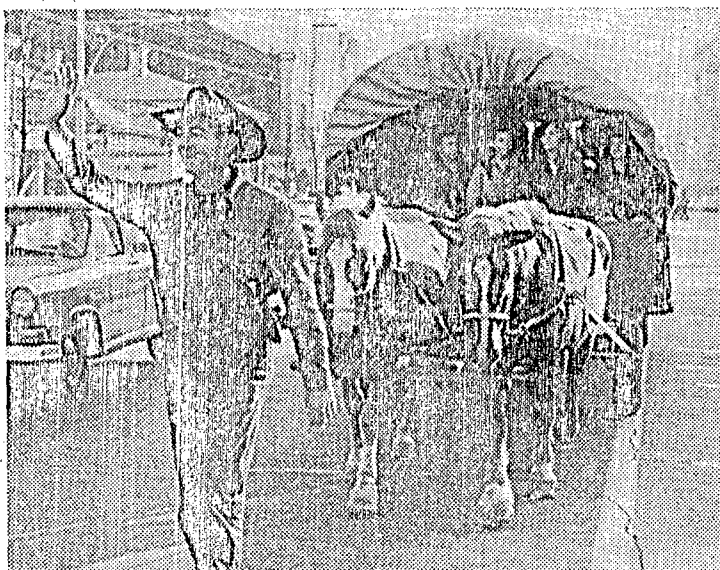
## RETURN OF THE MUSK OX

**T**HE last musk ox to roam wild in Alaska was killed by a hunter a century ago; now attempts are being made to raise herds in that country once more.

For the past 30 years a small herd of musk oxen has been raised on Nunivak, an island in the Bering Sea. The animals were imported from Greenland, and on Nunivak they were free from the wolf, their only major natural enemy.

Now about 20 of the animals

## COVERED WAGON GOES EAST



have been flown from the island to a specially-built reserve at the University of Alaska, near Fairbanks. There they will be studied with a view to developing big herds.

The musk ox is able to survive in its wild state only in the Arctic regions of North America and in Greenland. Apart from its value for milk and meat, each musk ox produces between three to six pounds of fleece a year from under its long outer hair.

Unlike the covered wagons which carried pioneers west across America during the last century, this "home on wheels" has gone east—to Moscow! Manned by a family of six from Richmond, Virginia, the wagon is here seen at the end of its year-long trek to the Russian capital.

## KEEPING WATCH ON THE SUN

**T**HE Observatories Branch of Canada's Department of Mines and Technical Surveys in Ottawa keeps a radar watch on the Sun from dawn to afternoon.

The Observatory's special equipment, mounted for tracking convenience on a normal 15-inch telescope, can pick up the Sun just after sunrise, when it is still overhead in Africa. As the searing noon-day Sun scorches the desolate Arabian sands, two observers in Ottawa's big dome lock on to it with a specially-designed photographic recorder. For them it is the start of another day's vigil—"Flare Patrol"—during which their equipment

## 150 YEARS OF THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

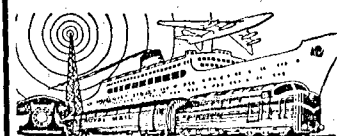
**T**HE song which the United States adopted as its National Anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*, is 150 years old.

A war between Britain and the United States had been raging for two years. From a British ship in Chesapeake Bay, an American prisoner, Francis Scott Key, watched the bombardment of Fort McHenry, which protected the town of Baltimore. That was on the 13th September, 1814. All night the attack went on; when dawn broke the US flag still flew above the fort.

Key was so delighted that his countrymen had held out that he took an envelope from his pocket and began a poem which he called, *The Defense of Fort McHenry*. In due course the words were set to music, with a new title, *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

At first it was sung and played as a patriotic song. In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed it the National Anthem of his country, though Congress did not make it official until 1931.

## BRIEFLY ...



### Hard Life's Work

Jonah Jones, the Welsh sculptor and stained-glass worker, of Criccieth, Caernarvonshire, is at work on a 200-foot stained glass window for Ratcliffe College Chapel, near Leicester. He estimates it will take the rest of his lifetime to finish the job.

Children and staff of the Plant Hill Comprehensive School at Blackley, Manchester, raised £500 in 12 weeks to buy a tractor for a Tibetan refugee camp in India.

### Camping in the Desert

Four medical students from Queen's University, Belfast, plan to spend 21 days in a tent in the Sahara Desert next June.

The title of "best-kept village in Wales" has been won by Llangian, Caernarvonshire, which has a population of only 26.

France is to launch her first space satellite next year.

Although the attendance of 511,121 people at the International Motor Show, held in London last month, was lower than that of the previous year, the number of foreign visitors (26,000) was 4,000 higher.

### Newspaper's 200 Years

The *Hartford Courant*, a Connecticut weekly newspaper, has just celebrated its 200th birthday. It is the oldest newspaper in the United States.

What appears to be West Germany's biggest deposit of natural gas has been found at Oldenburg, near Hamburg.

### Road to Morocco

Prince Philip is to make an official visit to Morocco from 18th—22nd December.

The newly-independent countries of Malta and Zambia will be admitted to the United Nations on 1st December. These will bring UN membership to 115.



How nice it would be to play the piano!

This little girl can play all the pieces in her Music Book. I wish I could play, too! If we had a piano at home I'm sure I can learn, and be as clever as she. Perhaps, Mum will buy me one. I can try and ask her to fill in the coupon below.

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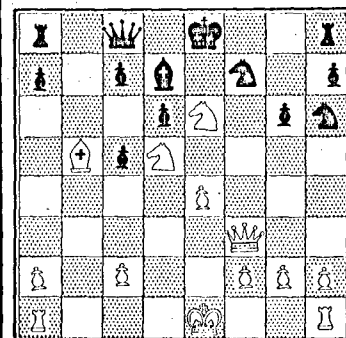
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## CN CHESS CLUB

**A** PIN in chess means that a piece is being attacked and cannot move without losing a piece of greater value.

If the King is so pinned, it would be illegal to move the piece, as it would uncover a check.



In this week's problem, White plays and very quickly wins. Can you see how? T. MARSDEN

Answer on page 12

## BIRMINGHAM READERS GET A SECOND CHANCE!

For those readers who missed last week's competition at the Birmingham Museum of Science and Industry, here is another opportunity to enter. For General Rules of entry, see page 7. Closing date for Birmingham competition, 25th November.

1. How old is the two-handed German-made sword?
2. Name seven workshops shown in the museum.
3. Who owned the Malay Crease on display?
4. For what type of boat was the canal made?
5. Name the organ that plays the drums and triangle.
6. What is the Museum's horse-drawn carriage called?
7. Give registered number of the Spitfire displayed.
8. Where in Africa was the wooden bicycle made?
9. What tune does Musical Box No. 1 play?
10. Name the model of the Harwell Pile.

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### CN MUSEUM COMPETITION No. 3a (BIRMINGHAM)

Entrant's full name ..... (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

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Name of School .....

Age .....

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# SPECIALLY FOR GIRLS

## YOUNG WRITER COMES TO TOWN AND VISITS CN



**T**HE Editor and I had a nice surprise the other day when Bernagh Brims, the girl in the picture above, walked into the office. Bernagh was still a 15-year-old schoolgirl when she wrote *Runaway Riders*—the book we recently serialised in CN.

Bernagh was in London on a BBC Studio Management course. When this is finished, she will go back to Ireland to take up an appointment in Belfast. Bernagh told us that in future she intends to make writing a hobby.

It's a hobby that could well be profitable, for with the money she was paid for *Runaway Riders*, Bernagh was able to buy herself a brand new Mini car. "By adding a little," she said.

The Editor was longing to know what she carried in a slim leather case. It was something of a surprise when she produced a flute. Always quick off the mark, "Mac" (our cameraman) just happened to look in at that moment, and took this picture of her playing us a few notes.

Bernagh (slim, dark-haired and dark-eyed) is a girl of many talents, and we at CN wish her all the very best for her future career.

### LETTER FROM RUSSIA

If you have an older sister or friend who can read and write Russian, this translated letter from a 19-year-old Russian girl might interest her:—

Dear Friend,—A Soviet friend is writing to you. My name is Olga Aleksandrovna Noramova. I was born in 1945. At the moment I live in the town of Ust-Kamenogorsk, in the Kazakh Soviet Socialist Republic.

I am studying on the second course at a technical training school in the Radio Technology and Television Department. In

### HOW TO MAKE CALYPSO SHAKE

FOR a hot, spicy drink on a cold winter's night, Calypso Shake is just the thing. It's quick and simple to make. All you have to do is to put two tablespoons of water into a saucepan over a low heat and soften a packet of chocolate Polka Dots in it; heat 1 pint of milk in another saucepan and gradually stir the hot, milky chocolate into this, adding  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon of spice; whisk (with fork or egg-whisk) until frothy. Serve piping hot in mugs.

### SISTERS



"I had a terrible night . . . I'll have to get a softer doll!"

the autumn of 1965 I shall finish at this school and will work as a mechanic repairing television sets and radio receivers in a television shop. This autumn I shall enter an Institute of Radio Technology and Electronics, and now I am on my holidays.

I very much love the theatre and the cinema, and in my spare time I am very glad to visit them: particularly just now, when I have a lot of free time.

I very much want to correspond with English friends. If you are not against this, then write to me: I should be very pleased.

USSR, VKO, Ust-Kamenogorsk, Ulitsa Krasno-Okt'yabrskaya 60-34, Olga Aleksandrovna Noramova.

So, if you know of anyone who would be a pen-friend to Olga, don't forget to show them this.

### DREAM COMING TRUE

**PATSY WARREN**, of Sidcup, Kent, is a 13-year-old girl with a ten-year-old dream. It began when she took dancing lessons at the age of three. Since then, her one ambition has been to make a stage career for herself.

Now she has taken the first big step towards her goal by passing the Royal Academy of Dancing elementary examination, at the earliest age it can be taken.

Well done, Patsy!

*Vicky*

# POP SPOT



This week CN invites you to meet the latest show business discovery—shoeless **SANDIE SHAW**.



**SANDIE SHAW**

**A NEWCOMER** to the Pop world is 17-year-old, Dagenham-born, **SANDIE SHAW**. Her first record was released in July and then her follow-up *There's Always Something There To Remind Me* jumped straight into the Charts!

Determined to get into show business, Sandie went backstage at the theatre where The Roulettes and Adam Faith were playing. She told the group she wanted to be a singer. They suggested she sang for them, and Sandie gave her interpretation of *Everybody Loves a*

*Lover*. The Roulettes brought Adam to meet her and, when she sang again for him, he was so impressed that he introduced her to his manager.

There's a real 'kick' to her voice (although she insists on kicking off her shoes while she sings!). And *There's Always Something There To Remind Me* is a disc fans will find hard to forget.

Likes: designing her own clothes, sketching, records, horror films, and happy people. Dislikes: 'Bigheads.'

Next Week: The Supremes





## HOW WE RUN OUR COUNTRY

### DRAFTING A BILL

**IN** order to become an Act of Parliament a Bill has to pass through both Houses of Parliament and then be approved by the Queen.

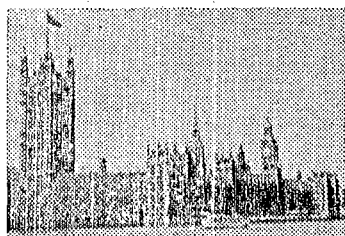
But a great deal of work has to be done before a Bill starts its career in Parliament. Even a Bill of just a couple of pages must be thoroughly thought out and discussed; and, in the case of an important and complicated one, such as an Education Bill, the labour of preparing and drafting it is enormous.

#### Appropriate Minister

Most Public Bills start their life in the Cabinet (a group of about 20 senior Ministers). The Cabinet decides that a new law is needed on a particular subject. The appropriate Minister is then put in charge of the proposed Bill—for instance, if the Bill is to do with the police force, the Home Secretary will be put in charge of it; or if it is to do with roads, the Minister of Transport will be responsible.

The Cabinet will then write down a general description of what the Bill is to do and this will be sent to an official known as the Parliamentary Counsel.

In his office there are some of the hardest-worked men in the Civil Service. The Parliamentary Counsel's Office is, in fact, part of the Treasury, and its staff are highly skilled members of the legal profession. It is their job



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to put the Bill into proper legal terms so as to make it as watertight as possible.

Drafting is a long and skilled process. Meetings are arranged between the draftsman and the Government department and Minister responsible for the Bill.

The Parliamentary Counsel's office prepare a Bill in draft form and send it to the Cabinet for approval. The Cabinet may not like it as it stands, and may send it back to the office to be altered. This can go on for quite a long time—as many as 20 drafts may have to be prepared before the Bill appears to be word-perfect. Thus, the complete drafting of a Bill may take several months.

#### Generally Acceptable

Eventually, the Legislation Committee of the Cabinet, having examined the structure of the draft Bill and the details of it, to make sure that it is generally acceptable, will approve it. It is then ready to be introduced into Parliament.

Once a Bill has started on its passage through Parliament, it can only be altered by Parliament. Hardly any Bill goes through without a number of alterations. Some of these will be made by the House of Commons and others by the House of Lords.

Next week:

**MAKING NEW LAWS:**  
(1) *In the Commons*

## TAKE A LOOK AT NATURE



### ROOKS' PARLIAMENTS

**I** HAD a letter the other day asking me if I could explain what are usually known as "Rooks' Parliaments," though "Courts of Law" might be a better title.

In case you have never heard of either, I must explain that both refer to the many stories of people seeing a number of rooks on the ground, standing in a rough circle round one dejected-looking rook.

The other members of the gathering chatter and caw among themselves as if discussing something; and the "meeting" usually ends with an attack being made on the lone bird.

by  
**Maxwell Knight**

It has been suggested that, when these gatherings occur, the rooks are "trying" the case of a member of the colony who has been committing some crime. How much truth is there in this?

I do not doubt that something resembling a meeting of rooks may take place; neither do I doubt that, if there is a weak or injured bird in the colony, it may be set on by the others and killed—for Nature has little use for failures. What I don't believe



The rook is a great thief  
*John Markham*

is that the rooks consciously form themselves into a sort of jury and put one of their members on trial!

Of course rooks do commit offences against their fellows—especially at nesting time. They are great thieves, and will steal sticks from one another's nests whenever they get the chance.

An offender may be attacked

and possibly injured. So, too, might a poorly-developed youngster just able to leave the nest when fledged but only able to flutter down to earth, and so unlikely to make a healthy citizen of the community.

Whether it is a thief which has been attacked, or merely a natural casualty, it will attract the attention of the others. Rooks, being most inquisitive birds, will be sure to follow it down out of curiosity.

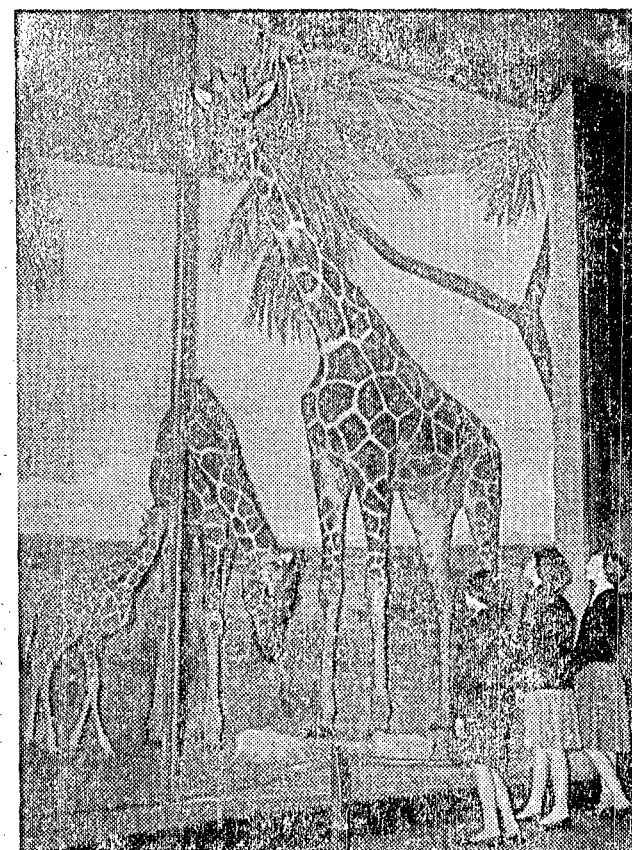
#### Aggression

Pure instinct, to get rid of a useless bird, could well lead to aggression, and if an observer happened to be on the spot when the rooks alighted, the strong human desire to credit animals with our emotions and behaviour might interpret this as being some kind of Parliament or trial.

I was most interested, only the other day, when a friend of mine who had recently been in Wales saw a dozen or so choughs on the ground in a rough circle. Unfortunately he disturbed them, and they flew off before he could see anything more.

He was lucky even to see so many choughs, because they are now getting very scarce. In fact they are the rarest species in the Crow family.

## THIS WEEK : LE



Paddington schoolgirls take a look at some giraffes, part of a display depicting the wild life of North Kenya



Sketching animals, like this Great Grey Kangaroo, can be great fun—especially when baby is around too!

## 2 GREAT COMPETITIONS

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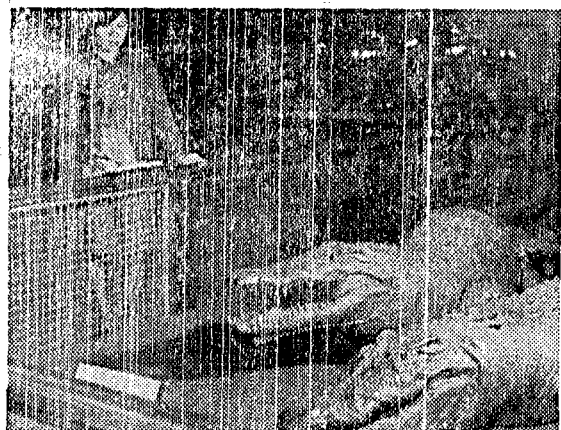
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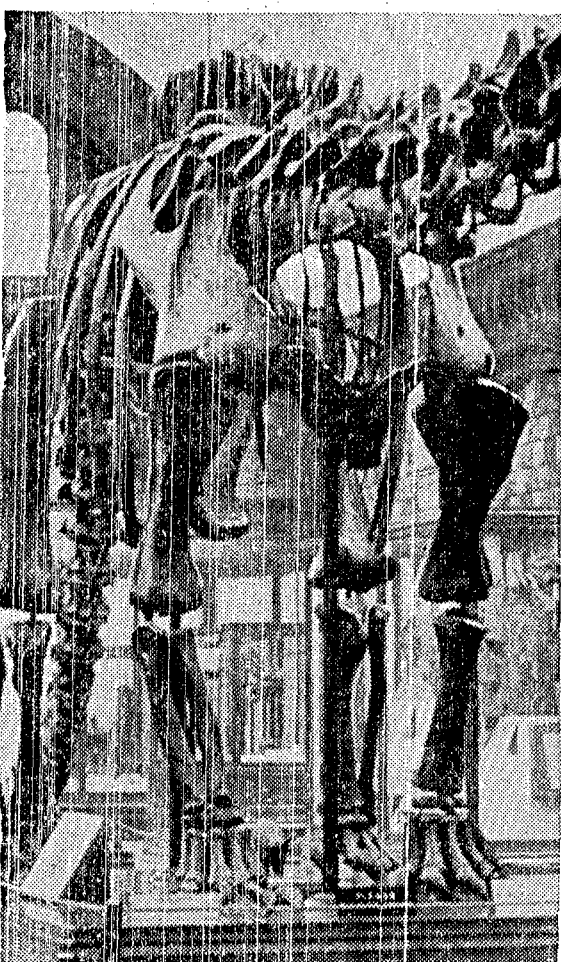
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# IT'S GO TREASURE-HUNTING IN LONDON!



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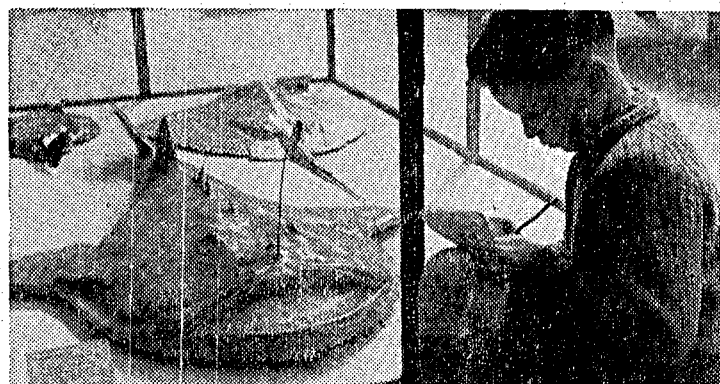
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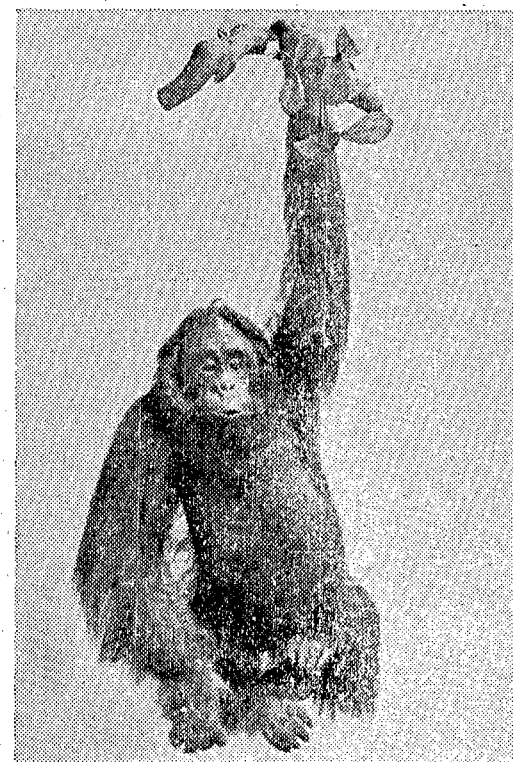


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3. Name the migratory bird which travels approximately 24,000 miles.
4. How many cubs are in the Family of Foxes exhibit?
5. Which bird is out of place in the farmyard scene?
6. Name the famous racehorse whose skeleton is on show.
7. Name the show case containing the Vampire Bat.
8. Where is the model of a Rafflesia displayed?
9. How old was the Californian Big Tree when cut down?
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# WORLD OF STAMPS

## CHESS OLYMPIAD IN ISRAEL

NEARLY 50 countries are taking part in the 16th Chess Olympiad now being held at Tel Aviv, the capital of Israel. The competitors in this international tournament include many of the world's greatest chess-players.

In honour of the Chess Olympiad, the Israeli Post Office has issued two special stamps in similar designs. Pictured here is the 70-agarot value, showing a rook, or castle, and the squares of a chess-board. The designer has also included the Olympic emblem of five linked circles, but to echo the chess-board theme he has



turned them into five linked squares!

Another new stamp from Israel honours the late Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the former President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

A tireless worker for good causes in all parts of the world, Mrs. Roosevelt died in 1962. Since then stamps in her honour have been issued in many countries. "Defender of Human Rights" is the inscription on the small "tab" at the foot of the stamp pictured in the next column.

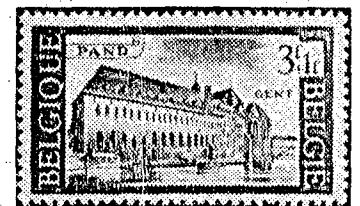
You may have come across other Israeli stamps which have a similar tab attached to them. Stamps which have them are from the bottom row of each sheet.

by C. W. Hill

Israeli commemorative stamps are printed in sheets containing only a small number of stamps, usually 15. These are arranged in three rows of five stamps, so that there are five stamps with tabs attached.

Most collectors prefer the stamps with the tabs, so, if you have any in your collection, do not tear them off.

STUDENTS at the University of Ghent, in Belgium, will soon be living and attending lectures in a Dominican abbey built over 700



years ago. Known as Le Pand, the abbey, which stands on the banks of the River Lys, has been neglected in recent years. Now it has been taken over by Ghent University and is to be restored.

To help in raising funds for this, the Belgian Post Office has issued two special stamps carrying a one-franc charity premium. Pictured at the foot of the previous column is one of them, which shows a view of Le Pand with the River Lys in the foreground.

THE World Health Organisation, one of the specialised agencies of the United Nations, is honoured by a new stamp from Korea.

With 120 members, WHO is



devoted to the task of fighting disease in all parts of the world. It holds regular conferences at which medical experts exchange scientific information. It has also conducted world-wide campaigns against malaria, leprosy, and tuberculosis.

The new Korean stamp shows two clasped hands to symbolise the help which the nations in the Organisation are giving one another in the struggle to improve the world's health.

## PICK A PUZZLE

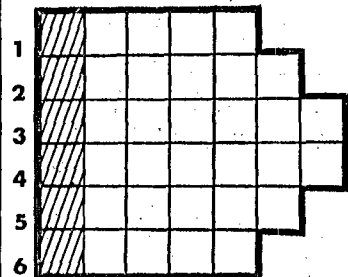
### JUST TWO MAKE FOUR

The same two letters, inserted in each of the following, will form four complete words.

Pl . . e, l . . er, gre . . . . las.

### RIVER RIDDLE

Answer the clues correctly, and the letters in the shaded squares will, when re-arranged, spell the name of a European river.



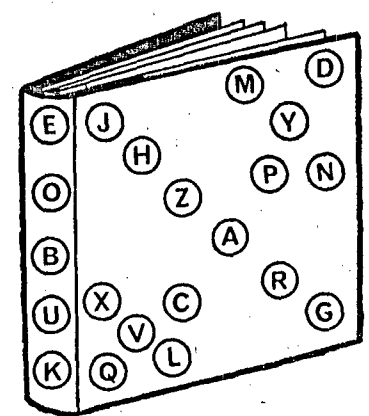
1 Mountain range of the USSR which separates Europe from Asia. 2 White-coated member of the weasel family. 3 God of the Sea. 4 Woodwind instrument. 5 Patron saint of Scotland. 6 Capital of India.

### WHO ARE THEY?

Can you say who the following are? The dots represent the number of letters in the answers.

American inventor of the telephone ....  
Author of The Pied Piper of Hamelin .....  
This 'Madame' is famous for her wax-works .....  
Violin maker of Cremona who died in 1737 .....  
Furniture-maker born in 18th-century Yorkshire .....  
He painted the Mona Lisa .....  
Commander of HMS Bounty .....  
He compiled the first English dictionary .....

### MISSING FIVE



All but five letters of the alphabet are contained in the picture above. First, find the missing five, and then arrange them so that they spell the surname of a well-known British author.

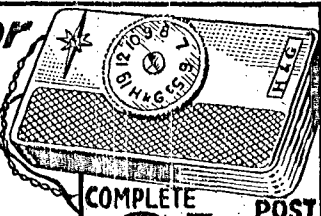
### CREATURES

Complete the following well known sayings by inserting the name of an animal or bird in place of the dots.

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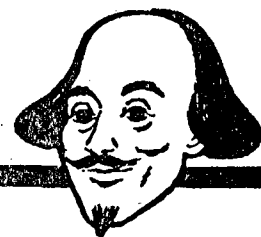
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# The Tempest

Cast adrift at sea by his wicked brother Antonio and the King of Naples, Prospero and his daughter Miranda reached an enchanted island.

Twelve years later, by magic, Prospero caused a storm at sea which shipwrecked his old enemies on the island. With them on the ship were the King of Naples' son, Prince Ferdinand, and a loyal old friend of Prospero's named Gonzalo.

Prospero had in his service one of the island's spirits, named Ariel. At his master's command, Ariel brought the shipwrecked men—each of whom had thought he was the sole survivor—face to face with Prospero. They stood before him, too dazed and terrified to recognise him...

1. Prospero first made himself known to Gonzalo. Calling him a preserver of life, he thanked him for having risked the King of Naples' displeasure when he provisioned the boat in which he and Miranda had been cast adrift; and for his thoughtfulness in putting in Prospero's books of magic, which had been of great help to him during his years of exile on the island. Gonzalo wept for joy at finding Prospero alive.



2. The King and Antonio went down on their knees to beg forgiveness of the man they had thought to be dead. They said they were entirely at his mercy; they had cruelly treated him and were truly sorry. Prospero generously forgave them both, after the King had promised to restore his Dukedom. He then told the King that he had a surprise for him.

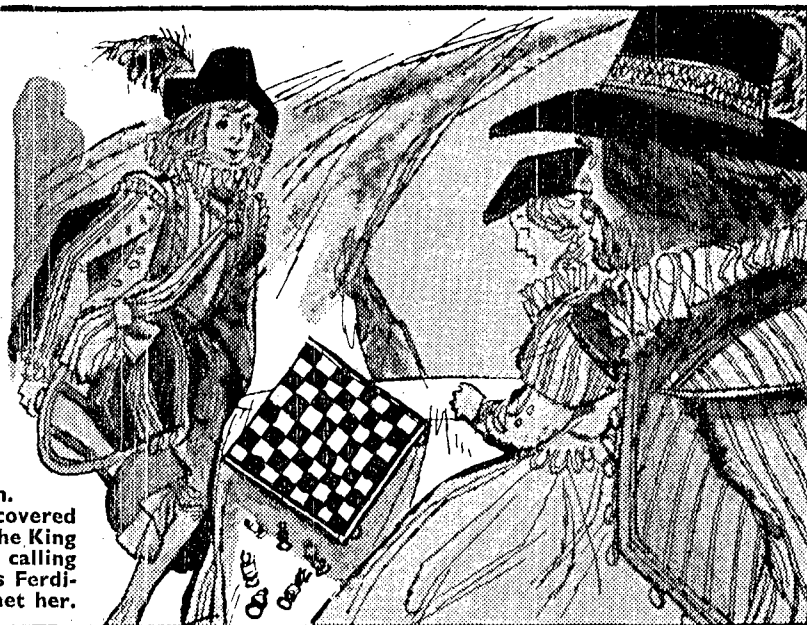


3. "Come with me," Prospero commanded. The King obeyed, wondering what possible surprise could be in store for him.

Prospero took him into his cave and opened the door of one of the rooms. When he stepped back, the King, to his utter amazement, saw Prince Ferdinand playing chess with the most beautiful girl he had ever seen!

The joy of father and son at their unexpected reunion was great indeed, for each had thought the other drowned in the storm.

When they had recovered from their surprise, the King turned to Miranda, calling her 'goddess,' just as Ferdinand had when he met her.



4. Ferdinand laughed to think his father had made the same mistake and began to explain. When the King heard that Miranda was not only a mortal, but that she was about to become his daughter-in-law, he wanted to beg her forgiveness for the wrong he had done her father.



5. But Prospero refused to listen. "No more of that," he told the King. "Let us forget it all." He embraced Antonio, his brother, and again assured him of forgiveness. He told the King that a wise, overruling Providence had permitted him to be driven from his Dukedom of Milan so that his daughter might inherit the crown of Naples.

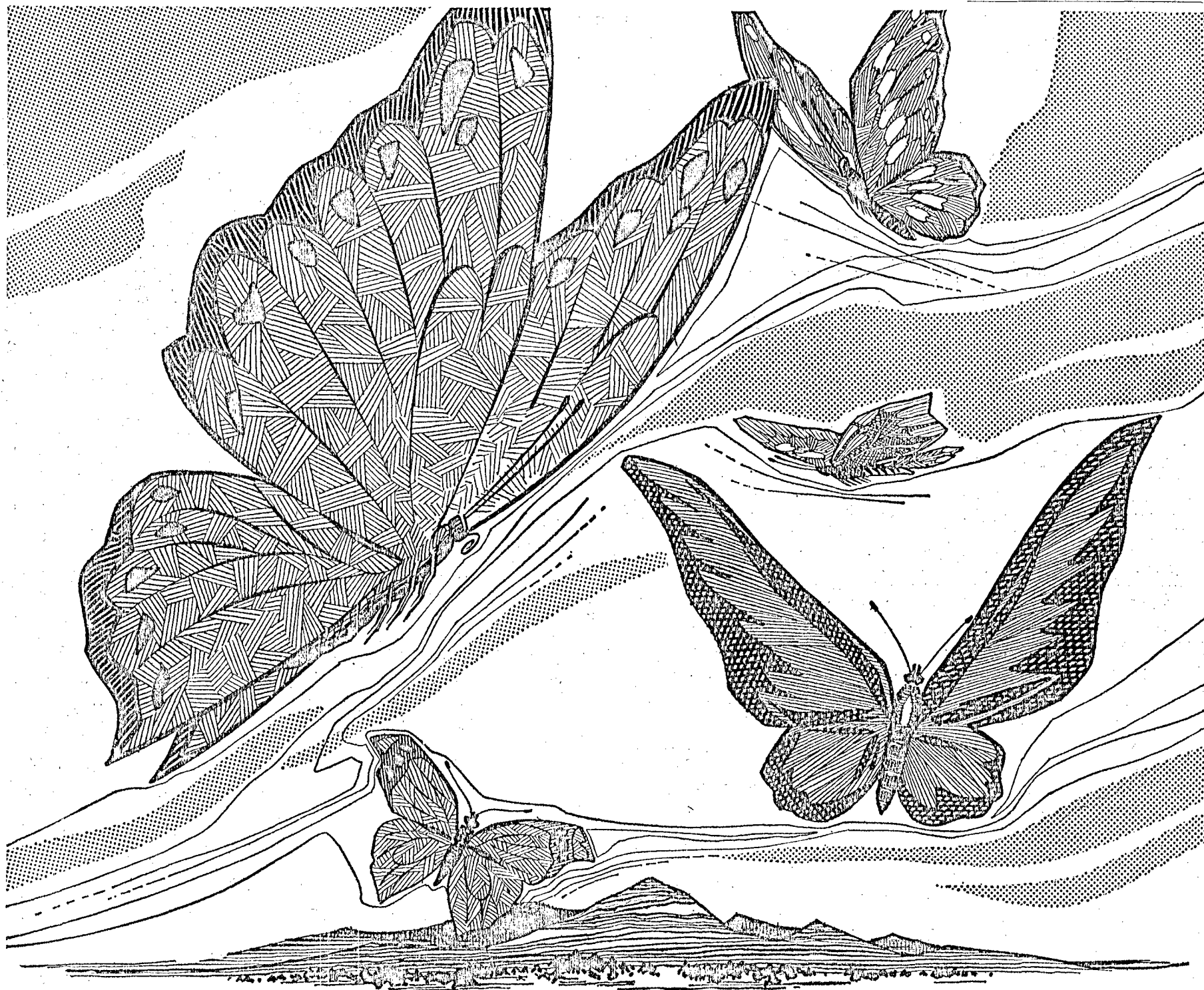


6. Prospero then told the others that their ship—which they believed to have been wrecked—was safe in harbour on the other side of the island, and that he and Miranda would sail home with them next day. "Meanwhile," he said, "you shall have such refreshment as my cave can afford. For your evening's entertainment, I will tell you of our experiences in our island home."

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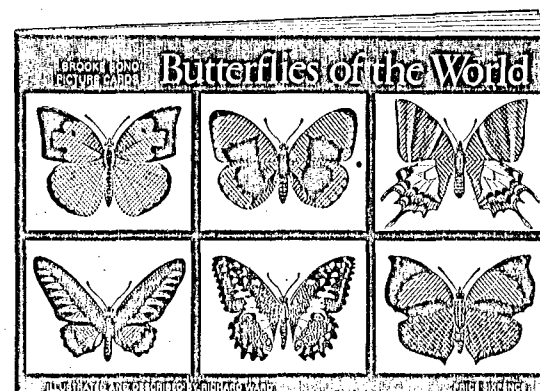


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# LONE SEAL PUP

## 1. An Ice-Baby Is Born

**WHEN** the screaming wind dropped, the silence which followed was so great that it seemed as if the world of snow and ice held no life at all. For eight months the sea had been completely frozen over, so that it was difficult to tell where frozen salt water ended and the snow-covered land of northern Alaska began.

With spring on the way and the sun shining pale yellow from low down on the horizon, the glare from the frozen landscape could blind a man in a few hours if he did not wear some protection for his eyes.

The one animal which moved slowly along the fringe of sea and land did not depend much on his eyes. His wet black nose and his small ears served him better.

Gaunt from a winter of semi-starvation, the big polar bear was hard to see, for his thick, cream-coloured fur blended so well with the snow and ice that when he stopped moving he became almost invisible.

He had stopped when the first faint sound came, and his small triangular-shaped head was swinging on his long, snaky neck as he sniffed the faintest of breezes blowing from the sea. He was very hungry indeed.

Then the silence was broken. From somewhere across the ice came a thin, baby wail. It was such a tiny cry that no man would have heard it; but the polar bear did, and he knew what kind of animal it came from. At this time of the year the young seals were being born, and that piping cry was made by a new-born seal.

The bear swung his head in the direction of the sound; his black nose twitched hungrily as he tried to catch the scent of seal. Then, with his big padded feet making no more than a whisper of sound, he started out across the frozen sea. Food he must have, and he knew that seals were forced to come up through their breathing-

The mother had lived under the ice throughout the winter. The bitter cold did not worry her, and there was no shortage of food, for fish were plentiful.

Like all seals, Ah-Leek's mother had several breathing-holes which she kept open. Visiting them in turn, she would thrust up her head, jabbing at the ice with her nose. Then, after she had made a small hole, she would nibble at the edges of the ice until she had broken it all away. Sometimes she would climb up on to the ice above, and rest under the brilliant stars, or in a white world lit by the pink, green and oddly luminous white of the northern lights.

Now, unaware that there was an enemy lying in wait above, she was getting ready to climb out on to the ice for a rest. Her baby had been born no more than an hour ago. She had licked his fuzzy white fur, from the ends of his dainty little back flippers to the top of his round head.

She had given him his first feed, and now she heaved him out of the water on to a narrow ledge in the ice of her breathing-hole. She bobbed up against the thin film of ice already forming over the water in the hole, and as it broke it produced a thin, tinkling sound,

lived in this barren world ran short of meat, they came down to the sea to hunt seal.

Life could be dangerous even in the blackness of winter. Now that the sun had returned to the Arctic, it was even more dangerous.

**A** H-LEEK'S mother shot out of the water, high enough for her head and shoulders to bob up above the surface of the ice. She was able to have a quick look round before she splashed back in the water. Her eyes were big and brown but, like the eyes of most other animals, they were better at seeing enemies which moved. She must have seen the silent mound of fur and muscle, but the polar bear did not look like an enemy.

by **ARTHUR CATHERALL**

Three times she bobbed up, and each time looked in a different direction. It was a trick passed on to her by her mother; but it was also a trick the polar bear knew. He lay flat, his tell-tale black nose-tip hidden behind a paw, but he was watching with

edge of the hole and hung there.

She had not been out on the ice for almost two weeks, and the world seemed a vastly different place. The sun was shining and, because a recent storm had blown most of the powdery snow into wave-like ripples, the uncovered ice looked blue and green in places.

**T**HE polar bear, because he was so perfectly still, and had hidden his black nose, looked to her like a small mound of ice. She gave a little hitch and heaved herself so high out of the hole that she was on the point of toppling forward on to the ice itself when Ah-Leek wailed.

His mother half turned to look down the breathing-hole. As she did so the polar bear heaved himself up. He was trembling in his eagerness. Three times in the past five days he had been at a seal-hole, and missed a meal by a fraction of a second. He did not mean to be disappointed a fourth time.

As he lifted himself up, and shot forward with amazing quickness for such a large animal, Ah-Leek wailed again. His mother, suddenly anxious, heaved herself headlong off the rim of the hole and began to fall towards the water just as the polar bear swung his powerful left paw.

The mother seal missed death by no more than an inch, and felt the wind as the massive paw swept just above her head. A second later there was a splash from below, and the bear, who slithered forward so quickly that he almost fell into the hole, jerked his head back as water spouted up and into his eyes.

With a terrifying growl of rage he dabbed a paw downwards, though he knew from past experience that he would not now be able to reach his intended meal.

Listening to Ah-Leek's wailing, the bear stood with his great forepaws on the ice-rim and looked down. This time even his short-sighted eyes made out the tiny figure curled up under the ledge, no more than three feet below.

He dabbed a forepaw tentatively down the hole, then, realising he could never reach the seal pup that way, he lay full length on the ice, and reached down, sweeping his paw clumsily from side to side.

Less than an hour old, and not yet afraid of anything, Ah-Leek began to move towards the paw. He thought that anything which moved must be his mother.

**T**HEN one claw hooked into Ah-Leek's fuzzy mass of white hair, and dragged him almost to the lip of the ice-ledge!

To be continued

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holes in the ice. Baby seals had to be brought to the air more often than their mothers, so there was more hope of a meal now than there had been for some time.

His eyes saw nothing but snow-covered ice, but his nose soon told him that he was moving in the right direction. Here and there the seals, who lived under the ice during the dark storm-ridden months of winter, kept breathing-holes open. When they badly needed a rest, they would break the thin film of ice which covered the holes and come up to flop about for a few minutes on the surface.

The polar bear found a seal-hole. What was more, the water in the three-foot-deep breathing-hole was only starting over with new ice. The bear licked his lips. A seal was using this hole and, if it was a mother seal with a new-born baby, she would come up for air again very soon.

**T**HE polar bear was right, for below the ice there was a mother seal with her new-born baby, Ah-Leek. It was this baby's cry which had warned the bear that he might get a meal if he was quick and quiet.

As the seal dived, the polar bear swung its powerful paw

almost musical in the awful stillness of this frozen world.

It was only a tiny sound, but it told the polar bear that something was happening. He inched forward a little, and made sure he could get a good grip on the ice with his back paws. Then he carefully covered his black nose with one of his forepaws. Lying thus, he might easily have been mistaken for just another mound of frozen snow.

Ah-Leek's mother broke all the ice in the hole, and looked up at the sky. Gathering herself for the effort, she gave a mighty kick with her rear flippers and shot up out of the water as if she had been propelled by a catapult.

She did not attempt to get out on the ice yet. She knew very well the dangers there were in the world above. Even in winter some of her friends had gone up on to the ice and not come back. Polar bears spent their time going from breathing-hole to breathing-hole, and in addition there were other enemies. If the Eskimos who

half-open eyes. The scent of the seal maddened him, for he was starving, but he kept perfectly still.

In this land, where food was so scarce for the hunter, patience and cleverness were necessary, and the bear knew how quick a seal could be. And a mother seal with a new-born baby was always more cautious than ordinary seals. If he kept still for a few more minutes, he might have a good meal.

It seemed as if the mother seal would never be satisfied as she bobbed up, then dropped back into the water. The bear was beginning to think she must have seen him, and was nerving himself for a lightning rush forward, hoping to catch her as she bobbed up. But it was not necessary. Ah-Leek's mother finally decided it was safe to leave the water.

She gave her son a last reassuring lick, gave a powerful flick with her tail flippers and shot upwards again. This time, however, she hooked her fore flippers over the

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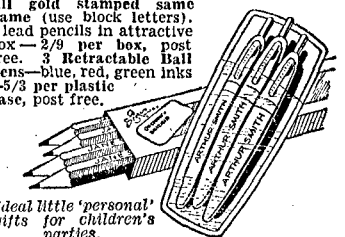
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There were no European championships last year. There is, therefore, no direct guide as to the strength of the teams entered, but the European Rankings show Sweden as the leading country in the men's section.

England is listed at No. 8 in the 16 named. Rumania tops the women's section, with England taking fourth place.

In the individual rankings, Chester Barnes is the only Englishman ranked—at No. 14. Which does not offer much hope for England!

Even in the women's section, England's chances are not rated very high. Despite their excellent records in international table tennis, Mary Shannon and Diane Rowe make the rankings only at No. 4 and No. 6 respectively.

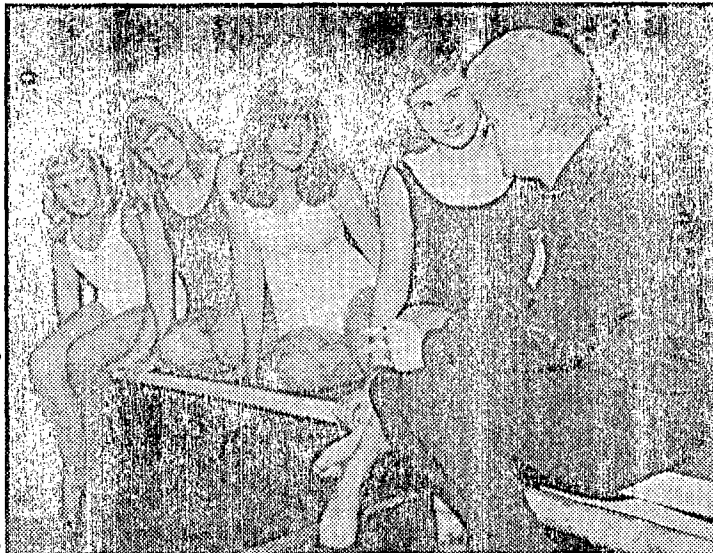


BRITAIN'S LEADING TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS

Top: Chester Barnes (Essex) and Mary Shannon (right) of Surrey retain their positions at the top in the new ranking lists of the English Table Tennis Association

## TAKING A LOOK AT SYNCHRO SWIMMING

Mrs. Zajac has a word with some of her swimmers: (from left) Jennifer Lane; Elizabeth Bennett, a 17-year-old clerk; Pamela Wheeler; and Jackie Day (24), a business representative



I HAD been hearing about something called Synchro Swimming, which was being carried on at the Blue Pool Restaurant in London's Dolphin Square. The other evening I went along to see for myself what it was all about.

In the pool attached to the restaurant I saw a number of girls performing all sorts of wonderful routines; these, I learned, were the girls who were being trained with the idea of making them Britain's first representatives in Synchro Swimming.

WHAT is Synchro Swimming? Well, it is really dance routines transferred from ballroom to bath (swimming type, of course). The girls are perfected in dance steps—and ice-skating routines, too—and then perform them to music while in the water.

This swimming system is not new to Britain, what is new is the

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fact that it is now recognised by the Amateur Swimming Association. The girls were being put through their paces by Mrs. Dawn Zajac, an ASA and London County Council swimming instructor, who is a specialist in Synchro Swimming.

"A few years ago," she said, "I saw an American team giving displays in Britain and other

European countries, and it fascinated me."

It fascinated her so much, in fact, that in 1960 Mrs. Zajac went to the United States to learn more about it. And she stayed for three months, studying at the University Athletic Club of Hollywood under Miss Billie McKellar, originator of Synchro Swimming.

There were about 20 girls present, and Mrs. Zajac arranged them in little groups, each with its own routine to perform. There was a line of four floating on their backs, with the feet of the first girl tucked under the armpits of the next, and so on. Their arms moved in unison.

"Ballet plays quite a big part in training," said Mrs. Zajac. "For most dance routines call for graceful movements."

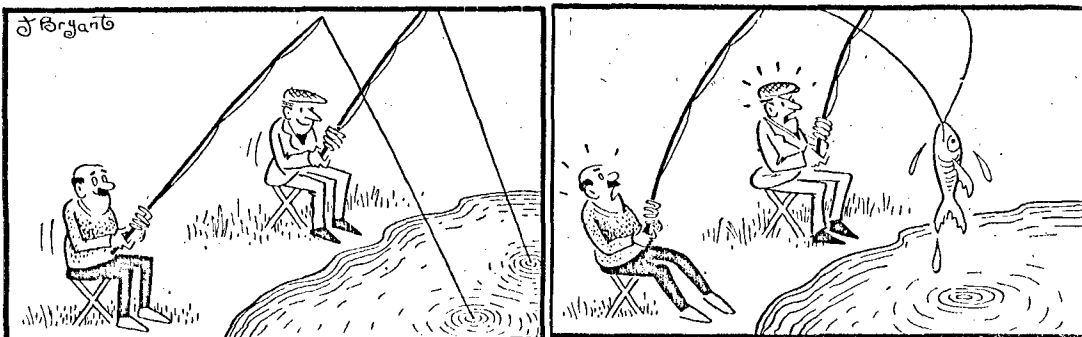
Among the girls were two who have won ballet awards to the Royal Academy of Dancing. They were 13-year-old Jennifer Lane, who goes to the Silverthorne Secondary School in Southwark, London; and Pamela Wheeler (14), of Penn Secondary School, Crystal Palace.

### Sword Dance

These two girls put on a routine which astounded me. I'm sure you've all seen the exciting Sword Dance performed? Well—now just try to imagine carrying out the intricate steps while in the water. Yet Jennifer and Pamela did just that!

This is but one of the many dance routines, all calling for a great deal of hard work and concentration, not only from the girls, but from Mrs. Zajac, too.

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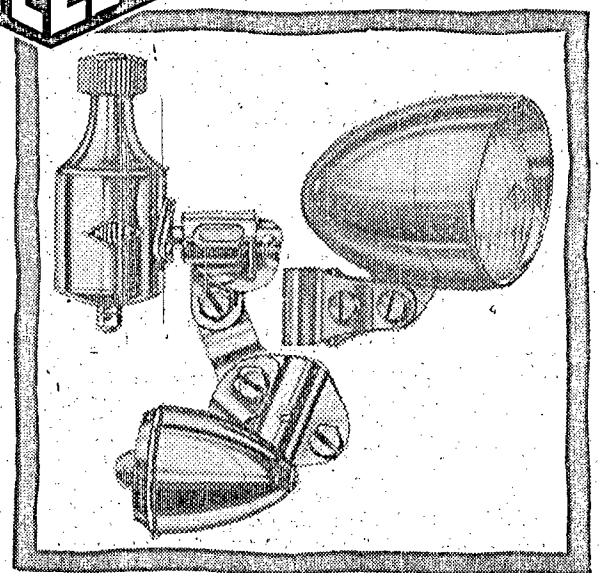
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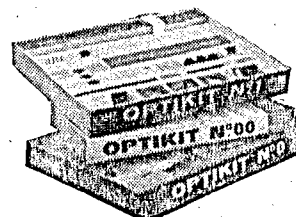
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